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# Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - Mar 2023

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month.
6:30pm at St Johns Hall.
72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

(Diagonally opposite Anzac Park)

Next meeting : 11th Apr 2023. 6:30pm.

Facebook : Tamworth 4wd Club

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**2021-2022 Committee**

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## Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,

Quick dribblings time:

-It's membership renewal time. $60 per family for the year.
Please pay Leanne, or, I'm sure that she prefers for it to be paid via bank deposit / EFT. Bank details should be on page 18.

-The AGM is set for the 9th May. Please come along.

-Vic High Country trip is set for three weeks in April 2024. Tag along !

- "Come and Try day" has made a bit of traffic on Facebook.
Here's hoping that the club manages to pull in a few new members from this outing. It should hopefully be a terrific little day trip, and hoping that everyone gets something out of it.
The editor will meet up with everyone at Sheba Dams at 9:45am.
This is set for the 22nd April. Leave the Nemingha School at 9am.

- Driver Awareness is set for the 13th May, to be held at Springvale, Wallabadah..
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- and a reminder to the editor to not forget to being the first aid kit to the next meeting !

This newsletter was made with little imagination using Publisher 2002 on Windows XP by Dave. And I like it that way.

# Tamworth 4wd Club Monthly Meeting.

Meeting opened 6:30pm by President Paul.
Members in attendance : Paul, Mel, Leanne, Col, Shaun, Rick, Jodie, Dave.
Apologies : Katrina, Chrissy.

Business Arising from last month
-Flowers for Jumbo funeral : $116.50
-Continued discussion of Clubs donation to Beyond Blue: $100 was agreed upon.

New Business
-PO Box renewal: $224

Correspondence in
-Australia Post PO BOX Renewal
-Association Newsletter
-Port Mac newsletter
-Ballina Newsletter

Correspondence Out
-February Newsletters
-February Association newsletter.

Financials
-Other account $3291.20
-Working account $171.76

General business
-Membership renewal time again.
- AGM date has been set to be the 9th MAY.
-Discussion on increasing membership; hold off for another 12 months. $60 remains.
-Discussion on date for "Come and Try Day" at Nundle / Hanging Rock Forest.
-Discussion on date for Clubs Driver Awareness day. After Come & Try day.
-Tamworth Clubs Poepels Corner visitors book—scanned in and made public.
Maggie at Association placed it into the Association newsletter. (Thankyou Maggie)
However, it didn't seem to spread throughout FB as much as I had hoped.
Tamworth ARB shared the article & link. (thanks!)
-Another method of membership via CVS. Dave to advertise and enquire if 4wds only.
-Discussion on Vic High Country Trip.
-Dave to bring First Aid Kit to next meeting. Don't forget !

Meeting Closed about 7:10pm

Trips

"Come and Try Day". 22nd April. 8:30am at Nemingha School for 9:00 am leave. Poster was made up and plonked on to a few sites on Facebook.
Have had quite a decent feedback within comments. Hoping to get a few members interested in joining from doing this trip. Some eight to ten people genuinely interested contacting Leanne & Dave. (Just hoping that 200 vehicles don't show up on the day. )
Bring morning tea/lunch/chair/4wd. ~10:00am morning tea at Sheba Dams.
10:30am hitting the tracks. Grade : "stock standard Subaru Brumby easy."

Driver Training Awareness Day – Date set for the 13th May, at Springvale Wallabadah.

Sofala, Hill End loop trip – Col. Date to be set

Mt Kaputar – Col. Date to be set

Gloucester to Werrikimbe via back roads – Col. Date to be set.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

Coolah Tops trip – Dave. Main Forest road past falls to Breeza Lookout is closed once again (March). Dave to contact National Parks to see if any chance of Club being able to obtain a key for a trip. Maybe Oct long week-end?

Vic High Country - Col. April 2024.
See details over a few pages.
This will be typed up in due course. No doubt you will see these notes in the trips section over the next eleven newsletters.

# TAMWORTH 4WD CLUB "COME & TRY DAY"

The 4wd Club is inviting the general public for a 4wd tag along for the day, driving parts of the Nundle State Forest. We will be meeting at Nemingah School at 8.30 am to leave at 9am.
Morning tea at Sheba Dam, drive to start approx 10.30am.
Please contact Leanne Middleton if you would like to come along.
Grade : EASY. Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com
22nd April. 8:30am Nemingah School. 10am at Sheba Dams.

Vic High Country. 2023.

General Plan.

Day (1) 8th Leaving Tamworth 8th April 2023. AT
Meet in Dubbo (Bunning's)
on Mitchell Hwy.
Travelling to Cootamundra
321 km.
find a campsite.

Day (2) 9th. Junee, Gundagai, Tarcutta,
Holbrook and Yackandandah
Site seeing along the
way. 269 km.

Day (3) 10th. Yackandandah, Beechworth,
72 km Glenrowan (Explore area)
on to Mansfield via Whitfid
111 km. find a camp.
for 2 days.

Day (4) 11th. Mansfield to Craigs Hut.
overnight in swags.
62.2 km rough driving.

Day (5) 12th. Rest Day.

Day (6) 13th. Mansfield to Omeo 281 km
Sight seeing along the
way.
find a camp. Base Camp

Day (7) 14th explore area a rest day.

We then set a plan each night to
see areas, such as
Casillis, Numerous Huts, Blue Ro
Dogs Grave, Falls Creek, overnigh
swag trip to Dargo. Bright, Mount
Hotham, Mnt Beauty.

Day (12) 19th Head to
TOM CROGGON ? 3 Nights 100-8 KM.
exploring
Kosiosko Nat Park.

Day (15) 22nd. ?

Heading home on the
25th to be home by
the 27th April.
This itinery is not set
in stone.
There will be a meeting\BBQ
at Col & Leanne's
when we know who will
be attending the trip
to see what others would
like to do and see during
the trip.
Please notify us as soon
as you can if you are
coming with us.
On 0407 617442
or 0408 605 343

Mx 6 - 8 Vehicles.

National Parks booking scheme notes

- Clarify the need for the booking system to remain in place and its benefits to park operations.
- An offshore company is being paid the booking fee, are there cost recovery for the administration of the booking procedure?
- Remote campsites that are underutilised shouldn't require a booking procedure
- Unable to make group bookings, impacting clubs who are the ones you want in the parks.
- Compliance enforcement and confrontation and procedure policy
- Unable to make alterations due to circumstances outside of our control
- centrally booking office struggles with park location and the travel times required when parks close via a text message
- Volunteer today and pay tomorrow has little to no value, driving members away from the VIP system.

4WD NSW & ACT Inc solution.

- Registered incorporated clubs are not required to pay the booking fee
- Group booking by a club delegate, who can provide dates, numbers, and vehicle details if required
- Unofficial campground host, able to assist and report park issues or complaints
- One point of contact within the booking system.

Benefits

- Clubs operate under a code of conduct
- Clubs adhere to tread-lightly guidelines
- Nationally accredited training is part of our fabric
- Compliant roadworthy vehicles
- Reporting procedure in place
- Communication channels between clubs for sharing campground status
- Large mobile base Volunteer resource
- Large depth of knowledge and skills, including education and sustainability
- Actively enhancing the park experience for other patrons.
- Credibility with peers and industries
- Extremely large social media footprint allowing us to reach a target audience efficiently

# The clubs driver awareness/ training day.

**Date set for the 13 May. "Springvale", Wallabadah.**

Do you love the outdoors? Enjoying the local scenery that our lovely land has provided? Love going four wheeling driving and meeting new people?

Tamworth 4WD Club is a local club of people who love camping, outdoors, meeting others around a camp fire.

We are offering a basic 4wd awareness day and would love to see YOU come and see what we can offer you.

**KEEP THIS DATE IN MIND**

Saturday 9th July 2022

Wallabadah, starting 930am.

Bring a chair, drinks, lunch and a smile.

Gold coin donation to WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE

Do you know how to recover your vehicle safely if you get stuck?

Do you know how to do a hill start?

If this suits you and wish to learn 4wding skills please contact and RSVP to Paul Ellison or David Maunder for directions

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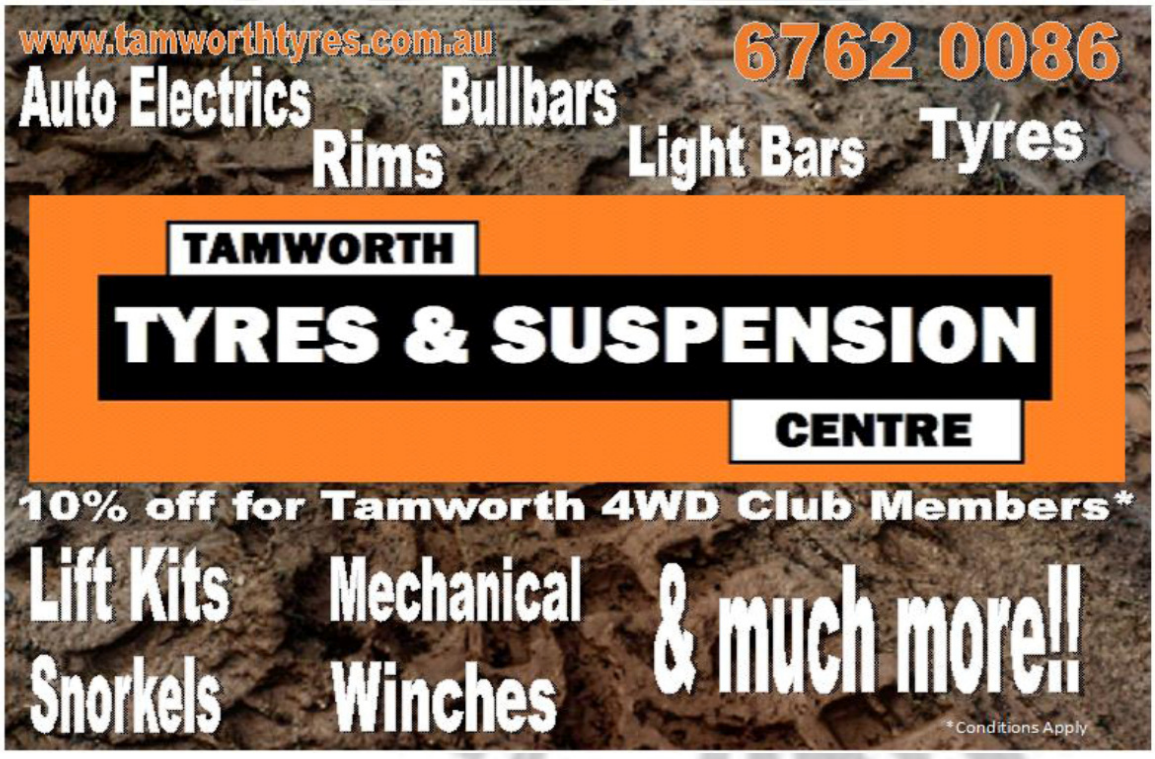

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# THE CLUB'S OBJECTIVES

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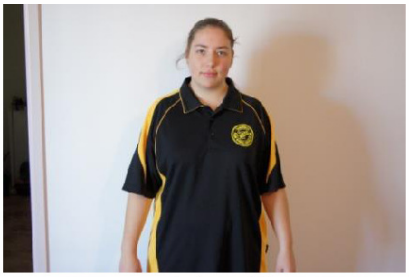
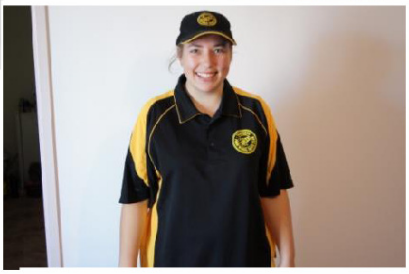
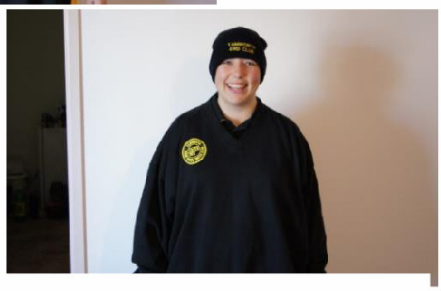
# Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number  and an emergency contact number  taken. This will  allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

# Club Merchandise



Adults:

- $27 - Polo Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

Kids

- $22 - Polo Shirts
- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

## BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR**

## MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

**Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details**

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**Partner's Name:** …… …… DOB: ……

**Child's Name:** …… DOB: ……

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**Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency**: ……

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**Signature of Member:** …… Date: ……..

**Signature of Partner:** …… Date: ……

**Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to**

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**In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:**

**Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:**

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Please tick the statement with which you agree

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Names of Members:

_____

Member's Signatures:

_____

# MEMBERS CONDUCT

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